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1. JAPAN AND PRC AGREED APRIL 2 TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT TO BUILD UNDERSEA CABLE BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. AGREEMENT CAME AT CONCLUSION OF TALKS BETWEEN THIRTEEN MEMBER CHINESE DELEGATION, HEADED BY CHUNG FU- HSIANG, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CHINESE GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND JAPANESE GROUP HEADED BY POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS MINISTER CHUJI KUNO..

2. CABLE, WHICH IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED BY 1975 BETWEEN SHANGHAI AND UNDECIDED JAPANESE POINT, WILL REPORTEDLY HAVE 500 CIRCUITS OR ENOUGH TO HANDLE NOT ONLY BILATERAL TRAFFIC BUT ALSO THIRD COUNTRY TRAFFIC TO AND FROM PRC. CABLE WAS REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO OPERATE TOGETHER WITH SECOND TRANS-PACIFIC MARINE CABLE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN 1975 BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE U. S. (VIA HAWAII AND GUAM) IN ORDER TO IMPROVE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE TO THE PRC.

3. JAPANESE INTERNATIONAL TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CO. WILL UNDERTAKE APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION PROJECT TOGETHER WITH SHANGHAI CITY TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU. COSTS WILL BE SHARED ON 50-50 BASIS AND BOTH PARTIES WILL PARTICIPATE IN

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SURVEY, DESIGN, PLANNING, AND CONSTRUCTION.

4. SOURCE AT MINISTRY OF POST AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADDED TO ABOVE THAT JAPANESE TERMINAL POINT FOR CABLE NOT YET CHOSEN BECAUSE OF FIERCE COMPETIMARKS ON FUTURE OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

5. LATE EVENING APRIL 3, SEPARATE ARMED GROUPS ATTACKED POLICE STATIONS IN KOKKINOTRIMITHIA AND EVRYKHOU (BETWEEN NICOSIA AND TRODOS). IN BOTH CASES, POLICE RETURNED FIRE AND DEFENDED STATIONS, AS THEY ARE NOW DOING MORE REGULARLY. RAIDERS SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING KOKKINOTRIMITHIA STATION, AND DESTROYED BUILDING. NO CASUALTIES IN EITHER INCIDENT. POPPER

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